

Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Reserve CSM Leon Caffie

On August 29, 2006 Command Sergeant Major Caffie was sworn in as the Command Sergeant Major of the Army Reserve. CSM Caffie began his military career on April 2, 1970 when he was drafted into the United States Army. CSM Caffie was born in Montgomery Alabama, but grew up in Gainesville, Florida where he resides with his wife Sylvia P. Caffie and their three adult children. He began his Law Enforcement career with the Alachua County Sheriff's office, where he worked until February 4, 2006 when he retired as the Director of Law Enforcement Services at the Rank of Major.



A career Soldier, CSM Caffie has held many leadership positions within the Department of the Army. In his capacity as the CSM of the Army Reserve, he serves as the Chief of the Army Reserve advisor on all enlisted Soldier matters, particularly areas affecting training, leader development, mobilization, employer support, Family readiness and support, and quality of life. He is the Army Reserve enlisted Soldier's representative at all levels within the Army, Department of Defense; Congressional level and in the media. He is an active member of multiple councils and boards that make decisions and recommendations affecting Soldiers and their Families. CSM Caffie dedicates the majority of his time traveling throughout the United States and overseas visiting, observing, listening to Soldiers, Families and addressing their issues and concerns. Additionally, CSM Caffie is invited as a keynote speaker for various military and civilian organizations.

Throughout his military career he has continued his dedication to Soldiers in positions of increased leadership responsibility. He has held several key NCO positions: First Sergeant, Operations Sergeant and Command Sergeant Major. His previous assignments include: First Sergeant, HHC 3396th USARRECSTA; Operations Sergeant, 257th Transportation Battalion, Gainesville, FL; Operations Sergeant Major, 143rd TRANSCOM, G3, Orlando, FL; Command Sergeant Major, 257th Transportation Battalion, Gainesville, FL; Command Sergeant Major, 32nd Transportation Group, Tampa, FL; Command Sergeant Major, 143rd TRANSCOM, Orlando, FL; Command Sergeant Major, 377th Theater Support Command, Belle Chasse, LA.

His military education includes the United States Drill Sergeant Academy, Senior Non-Commission Officer Course (SNCOC), Advanced Infantry Course, First Sergeant Course and Command Sergeant Major Course. He graduated from the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy (USASMA) in July 1996. He also attended and completed the National Defense University Keystone Course.

CSM Caffie received his Associate of Arts Degree in General Education from Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville, Florida, and his Bachelor of Science in Communications from Regents College, Albany, New York. He completed numerous civilian law enforcement courses and certifications. Among his certifications are SWAT Training Course Certification, Hostage Negotiations Training Course Certification and Law Enforcement Certification. He has a diploma in Criminal Justice Education from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia and he graduated with distinction from the FBI National Academy, Quantico, VA in June 1991.

His military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (2nd Award), Bronze Star Medal (3rd Award), Meritorious Service Medal (4th Award), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (1st Award), Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (8th Award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Vietnam Service Medal (2nd Award), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal-Gold/M Device, NCO Professional Development Ribbon #4, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (2nd Award), and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal-60 Device. His badges include the Department of the Army Staff Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, and Expert Marksmanship Badge (Pistol).

His military campaigns include Vietnam, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. During Operation Enduring Freedom, CSM Caffie served as the 377th Theater Support Command, Command Sergeant Major for the Coalition Forces Land Component Command (CFLCC) in Iraq.

